

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A gateway device, comprising:

a first network interface for connection to a home network;

a second network interface for connection to a telephone network;

a call set up unit for carrying out a call set up with respect to a specified address on the telephone network, upon receiving a solicitation for the call set up with respect to the specified address on the telephone network from a contents processing device connected to the home network, ~~the contents processing device being in a state not capable of carrying out direct communications through the telephone network~~ the specified address indicating an address information of a server device to be communicated with by the contents processing device in order to obtain a permission regarding contents information utilization; and

a transfer unit for transferring data transmitted from the contents processing device to a connection established by the call set up, and data arriving from the connection established by the call set ~~up~~ up to the contents processing device, such that the contents processing device carries out the prescribed procedure for obtaining the permission from the server device through the connection established by the gateway device in response to a solicitation by the contents processing device.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The gateway device of claim 1, wherein the call set up unit receives the solicitation made by the contents processing device which has a need to communicate with the specified address in order ~~to~~ to process a specific contents information.

Claim 3 (Original): The gateway device of claim 1, further comprising:

a notification unit for notifying that the gateway device is in a state capable of responding to the solicitation, through the home network.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A contents processing device, comprising:

a home network interface for connection to a home network;

a protocol processing unit for executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;

a solicitation unit for soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface, ~~when the contents processing device is in a state not capable of carrying out direct communication through the telephone network; and;~~

an information processing unit for processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface; and

an extraction unit for extracting an address information of the server device to be communicated with in order to obtain a permission regarding contents information utilization,

wherein the solicitation unit solicits the set up of connection to the server device according to the address information extracted by the extraction unit, and the protocol processing unit carries out the prescribed procedure for obtaining the permission from the server device through the connection established by the gateway device in response to a solicitation by the solicitation unit.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Original): The contents processing device of claim 4, wherein the protocol processing unit carries out a prescribed procedure using the communications with the server device in order to obtain a permission to process a specific contents information, when a need to obtain a permission to process the specific contents information arises.

Claims 7-20 (Canceled).